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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 24, 2008, and is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. A petition for request for a one-month extension of time along with the requisite fee is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks follow the Listing of Claims at page 4.

Attachment: Copy of Notice of Abandonment issued in USSN 10/805,032.